McIntyre Ridge Trail #782





Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance...... 6.4 miles (one way) Snow Free May to November





Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness Area. Highlights include ridge top hiking with outstanding views over the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness and Mount Hood. The trail runs through the northwest corner of the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness Area.

Trail Description: Starting from the north end the trail climbs approximately 1000 feet in the first 2 miles. The trail becomes more gradual once it reaches the ridge. The trail breaks in and out of the trees mainly on the east side of the ridge.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

> Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

Leave No Trace

- > Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- > Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- > Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on *Leave No Trace*, go to <u>www.LNT.org</u> or call 1-800-332-4100

For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood

Map and driving directions on next page

Mt. Hood National Forest 16400 Champion Way Sandy, OR 97055 503-668-1700

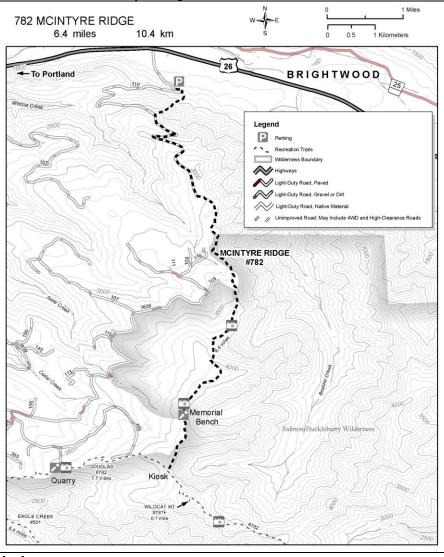
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Directions to Trailhead: To reach the **NORTH** end of this trail from Portland, follow US 26 to 10.5 miles east of Sandy, turning right onto BLM road 2-7-31, Wildcat Creek Road, just after Windell's Snowboard Camp (near milepost 35). From here it is approximately 4.5 miles to the trailhead. The BLM has gated the road at milepost 1.5 due to extensive off road vehicle damage occurring in the area but foot traffic is welcome. There should be a "Y" near or at the gate – go left. Then go 1.3 miles and go left at "Y". Next go 0.8 mile and turn right at "Y". Go to end of road which is a widening of the road in the middle of a clear cut with several "user roads" fork off. The trail starts in the southeast corner of the clear cut. So, if you walk one of the user roads that head to the southeast you will connect with it. If you find yourself going downhill, you have gone the wrong way.

To reach the **SOUTH** end of this trail from Portland, follow U.S. Hwy 26 approximately 2 miles east of Sandy. Turn right at Firwood Road (Shorty's Corner). Follow Firwood Road 3.4 miles (Firwood Road bears to the right at a four-way intersection after .8 mile) to Wildcat Mtn. Road. Turn left on Wildcat Mtn. Road for 5.6 miles where it enters the Mt Hood National Forest and becomes Forest Road 3626. Stay on 3626 for 0.8 mile then turn right onto paved Forest Road 3626-105 staying left at the first fork. Continue on this paved single lane road till the next fork which has a gate on the left side but stay right (south). Take this to the Upper Douglas Trailhead which is in the upper level of the old Wildcat rock pit. The Douglas Trail starts in the southeast corner of the gravel parking lot. Take the Douglas Trail approximately 1 mile east to the McIntyre Ridge Trail.



Recommended maps: Zigzag Ranger District

